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County councillor warns of difficult year ahead for hospital campaigners

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SEATON and Colyton's county councillor Martin Shaw has used his first new year message to praise residents for the hard work during the campaign to keep the town's hospital open but has laid out a stark warning for a difficult 2018.

Cllr Shaw, who won his seat in the county council elections in May last year, has been one of the more vocal voices against the CCG removing hospital beds in East Devon, and in his message has reiterated his desire to fight for his community.

Cllr Shaw said: "In 2017, our communities in eastern Devon waged determined campaigns to keep beds in our community hospitals in Seaton and Honiton, which we ultimately lost;

2018 is shaping up to be an even more difficult year for our hospitals – and for public services across the board.

"The NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the RD&E are taking part in an important half-day meeting at The Beehive on January 18th, to talk about the health services people want in the Honiton area.

"I hope we can have a discussion there, and soon in Seaton and Axminster too, about a way

forward to keep our hospitals as centres of health services for our communities.

"However, I expect that early in the new year, the CCG will make clear their general plans for the future of both services and hospital buildings.

"I worry that some hospitals may lose many or all of their remaining services, and sites could be sold by NHS Property Services, the company to which the government has handed over our hospitals – even though they have been largely paid for by our local communities through the Leagues of Friends.

"At the same time as local communities face these unprecedented challenges in the NHS, both Devon County Council and EDDC will be forced to reduce services yet further because of the continuing cuts in government funding.

"Yet again, we will be forced to pay Council Tax increases which are bigger than the rises in our wages and pensions, to pay for ever diminishing services.

"The tragedy is that the squeezes on services are eminently avoidable, if the Conservative Government were not hell bent on squeezing the last drop out of NHS and council budgets.

"It is a double tragedy because time and again, the Conservative majorities in our councils have put party before community and failed to challenge the Government – most notoriously when the Health Scrutiny Committee failed to refer the bed closures.

"Let us hope that 2018 will be the year which our councils – and MPs – finally stand up for Devon. As in 2017, I will work with anyone, of whichever party or none, who is prepared to put our communities first."



■ THE Seaton JM DanceFit dancers, who attend classes at the town hall, enjoyed celebrating another year of fitness fun together in their festive attire. Instructor Johanna Morgan would like to thank her members for their continued support. New members are welcome to join Johanna's low impact Zumba Gold, regular Zumba and 'Strictly' ballroom FitSteps classes, which are located on Fore Street in the centre of Seaton. All classes recommence this week. For further information visit www.jmdancefit.co.uk

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Council leader's New Year message

LEADER of East Devon District Council, Cllr Paul Diviani, has set out the council's ambitions for 2018 in his New Year message to residents.

Cllr Diviani writes: "I thought that it would be appropriate for me to use this opportunity, not only to wish you a very happy New Year but, importantly, to take this opportunity to set out some detail about the financial context for East Devon District Council over the next few years; the challenges we are facing and the innovative approaches we are taking to ensure that we continue to provide quality services and 'balance the books' going forward.

"Like all other councils up and down the country, East Devon District Council is feeling the effects of the annual reductions in the Government's Revenue Support Grant (RSG).

"The four-year financial settlement arrangements mean that EDDC will receive £0.127m in RSG for 2018/19 – a 76 per cent reduction on 2017/18.

"Future grant reductions combined with other budgetary pressures mean that the council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) is currently predicting a budget deficit of £0.735m in 2018/19, rising to £3m by 2020/21 and potentially to £5.4m by 2027/28.

"Despite these increasing financial pressures, EDDC is proud not to have cut front line services.

"We are determined to avoid the downward spiral of cuts, cuts and more cuts! Like other councils, we have had to recognise that to keep core service delivery intact, we are increasingly reliant on income generated from business rates, new homes bonus and critically, from income that we generate ourselves.

"This means developing a more innovative and commercial mind-set in our decision making particularly where it relates to service delivery and the management of our assets.

"Our journey has already begun. Guided by the principles and key themes in our Transformation Strategy 2018-2028, we are taking a long term view of our finances and the economic context in which we are operating.

"Our aim is to develop greater financial resilience so that we can safeguard council services both now and in the future.

"The Transformation Strategy sets out our approach:

- **WorkSmart** – reducing our office accommodation footprint and working more efficiently. This means more mobile and flexible working supported by the right technology in the right place at the right time. The relocation of EDDC from Knowle, Sidmouth to Exmouth Town Hall and Honiton is set to save the council £6m over the next 20 years.

- **Open for Business** – responding to the increasing number of our residents who wish to transact online; improving our efficiency as well as the customer experience through investment in a digital platform. Progress so far means that our customers can now access 200

online services. Further investment in digital services will mean more efficient integration of online services across all our IT systems creating a better customer experience as well as improved efficiency.

- **Systems Thinking** – ensuring that our services are designed around 'what matters' to our customers and communities; cutting out wasteful and costly processes. This approach has seen our benefits service reduce its cost base while becoming one of our flagship services and the fourth highest performing in the country.

- **Focus on Income Generation** – ensuring that we are maximising the use of our assets through commercial thinking. With a greater focus on commercialisation, we are working towards generating income through a green waste service; taking a more commercial view of new lease/rental arrangements, delivering a greater provision of business units across the district; business development activities and a fundamental review of our assets with town and parish councils.

- **Active Pursuit of Alternative Service Delivery Methods and Models** – We already make significant savings through sharing corporate services such as IT, audit and procurement. We have also set up a housing company which is focused on delivering housing provision across the district as well as having huge potential to generate significant income. We also want to explore greater community involvement in service delivery.

"Our ambition is to be an outstanding council, which works together with local people to create great value services and an outstanding community, economy and environment for East Devon, both now and for future generations.

"Everything we do is aimed at making East Devon a place where people want to live and work, as well as a top destination for visitors to come and enjoy."



CLLR Paul Diviani,
EDDC Leader

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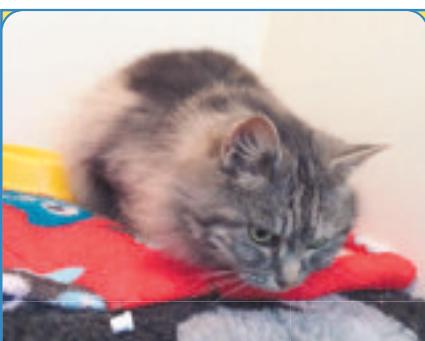
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Flats devastated in Crewkerne fire

FIRE and rescue crews worked through the night to tackle a serious blaze in Crewkerne during the early hours of December 28th.

Fire broke out in first floor flats, located above the Original Health Centre in Church Street.

The road was closed throughout the following morning's rush hour while fire and rescue services controlled the situation.

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue received numerous calls from concerned members of the public reporting a fire.

A total of eight fire engines from around Somerset were called to the incident after the first floor went up in flames.

Fire control sent crews from Crewkerne, Yeovil, Martock and Beaminster, as well as a command support unit from Street.

Assistance was also requested from ambulance, police and Western Power.

On arrival, the officer in charge confirmed the first floor of the building to be well alight and all persons were accounted for.

The fire was extinguished with one crew remaining on the scene to dampen down any hot spots.

Emergency services confirmed no one was hurt.



■ DAWN BREAKS OVER THE AXE VALLEY by Richard Austin



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Faster broadband on the way

A MAJOR expansion of broadband rollout across Devon and Somerset has received Government approval to provide thousands more homes and businesses in the area with access to a superfast connection.

The Government's Broadband Delivery

UK (BDUK) agency has given the go-ahead for Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) to increase access to its planned ultrafast broadband with Gigaclear to more than 3,000 homes and businesses in hard to reach areas of Devon.

Gigaclear is already

building a new full fibre broadband network on behalf of CDS for more than 41,000 homes and businesses initially. This work is due to be completed by December 2019.

The announcement paves the way to extend the network even further by December 2020.

Information about the Gigaclear roll-out timetable will be updated regularly on the web at www.gigaclear.com/connecting-devon-and-somerset-rollout-schedule

Residents and businesses can also expect to receive news and information from Gigaclear and CDS by post.

CDS connects some of the hardest to reach communities in England, where the commercial market will not provide the infrastructure. To date, more than 250,000 homes and businesses have access to superfast broadband because of CDS investments. CDS does this by awarding public subsidised contracts to companies through competitive tender to

build the infrastructure needed, such as fibre or wireless connections.

CDS is only able to invest where suppliers have no declared and credible plans to invest their own resources to extend their networks.

CDS is backed with funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, the EU's European Regional Development Fund, Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership, local authorities and the private sector.

The proposed expansion complements an increased level of commercial investment in broadband across the region.

Councillor Stuart Barker, Devon County Council's Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills, said: "Having access to broadband is a vital element of our economy and everyday life, but in the hardest to reach rural areas the commercial market is not going to deliver without support, we have to work together."

"The CDS programme has been delivering the cabinets and masts that already provide superfast access for more than 250,000 homes and businesses.

"We are now starting the roll-out of the next phases which will reach even more rural areas and, together with the providers, we want to ensure you have the latest information.

"These are major engineering projects, and there are a number of challenges to completing these new networks."

Steve Hindley CBE DL, chairman of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership said: "CDS is another great example of our Growth Deal with Government delivering tangible benefits throughout the whole of the Heart of the South West area - which covers Devon, Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay.

"By working in partnership with the local authorities and National Parks in these areas, we're enabling new businesses to

start up and existing ones to be more productive by providing ultrafast broadband where the commercial market wouldn't reach."

VIEWS wanted on Villages Plan

EAST Devon District Council is asking the public for its views on proposed changes to its Villages Plan by Friday, February 2nd.

The Villages Plan covers some of the larger villages in East Devon and the town of Colyton and shows the areas where new housing will be acceptable in principle (known as Built-up Area Boundaries).

The plan also shows the extent of authorised uses at the Greendale and Hill Barton business parks.

The changes, known as 'main modifications' include specific policies for Hill Barton and Greendale Business Parks and a general policy for the Built-up Area Boundaries.

The consultation follows hearings during November where an independent inspector examined the plan and heard evidence from council officers and interested parties.

The inspector has asked East Devon to consult on the proposed changes and all comments from the public, received by February 2nd, will be sent to the inspector for consideration before she finalises her report which is expected to be published in the spring.

The modifications include additional policies that clearly link the maps shown in the Villages Plan back to the policies of the East Devon Local Plan, which was adopted in January 2015.

This includes specific policies for Hill Barton and Greendale Business Parks. These policies generally resist development in the 'country-side', except in specific circumstances as set out in the Local Plan.

Other modifications include additional wording to the 'vitality' policies proposed for the town/village centres at Colyton and Beer, a monitoring table and amendments to the text for Kilmington and Musbury to help protect the historic environment.

The consultation signals one of the final stages in preparing the Villages Plan, which will help guide decisions on where new development should take place in 15 selected larger villages, as well as the town of Colyton.

The Proposed Submission Villages Plan and all of the supporting documents can be viewed at <http://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/villages-plan/villages-plan-2017-villages-plan-examination/>

The documents are also available to view at East Devon District Council's offices in Exmouth Town Hall and Knowle at Sidmouth.

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Carols at Hunthay

HUNTHAY Business Park in Axminster saw an impromptu carol concert and Christmas Jumper Day.

Alison Hayward of Rosy Jeffery Ltd Chartered Certified Accountants said: "A few of

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our staff play instruments and, after a quick practice together, we played a few carols

outside for the other businesses at the park to sing along to.

"Rosy Jeffery Ltd was supporting Christmas Jumper Day, raising £81 for Save the Children."



Winter exhibition opens at the THG

SOUTH West Academy members and associate academicians have joined together for the third South West Academy Exhibition at Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG) in Honiton.

The ever-popular winter exhibition will feature a new body of work including paintings, sculpture, prints and ceramics.

The academy embraces artists from right across the South West region. This year's exhibition features amongst others, the work of artists from Cornwall such as Karen McEndoo to David Brooke in Dorset and the well-known Devon artist

Ray Balkwill.

The exhibition is open until February 24th.

Job club back open

AXMINSTER Job Club, now based at Pippins every Thursday morning, reopens this Thursday (January 4th) after its Christmas break.

This also applies to the CAB who also meet at Pippins from 9am to 12noon every Thursday.



SSAFA provide festive hampers

■ SUPPORT from an anonymous donor has enabled SSAFA - The Armed Forces Charity - Devon branch to provide a festive season hamper for more than 50 clients across Devon again this year.

This is the ninth year that hampers have been provided to disadvantaged SSAFA clients across Devon and delivered by SSAFA volunteers in the lead up to Christmas.

The hampers are made up centrally at Fine Country Living in Ottery St Mary, and delivered to the nominated clients across the county in mid-December.

Many moving thank you letters have been received by the charity, testament to the success of the scheme.

The main sponsor of the scheme wishes to remain anonymous but has provided a substantial sum this year to support the purchase of the hampers.

Organiser Terry Cuthbertson MBE, the SSAFA Devon branch treasurer, supported by his wife Barbara, who is also a SSAFA volun-

teer, said: "We are very grateful for the support received from the anonymous donor; without this person's generosity the scheme would not be possible."

For the fourth year an additional five hampers were received from Honiton based charity 'The Baton'.

These hampers were allocated mainly to disadvantaged, younger clients living in Devon.

The Baton founder - and also SSAFA Devon vice president - Alan Rowe MBE, said: "Many people in desperate situations would not have been helped if dedicated volunteer SSAFA caseworkers had not been involved."

"The Baton is honoured to support SSAFA Devon again in this annual venture."

In addition to the hampers, SSAFA Devon helps a number of younger families by purchasing supermarket gift cards, enabling them to have a more enjoyable Christmas.

This assistance is made possible by a donation received from the Military Wives Choir from the proceeds of their 2012 number one record.

First competition for new gymnastics club

A FLEDGLING gymnastics club in Axminster has held its first club competition.

Axminster Gymnastics Club was set up in 2017 by Emma Prior, who moved to the area three years ago after spending eight years in the Royal Marines Band Service.

She was surprised at the lack of gymnastics clubs and facilities locally, having grown up in Cheshire with a purpose-built gymnastics centre in her hometown and in a number of other surrounding towns.

Her gymnastic journey started at age four and has continued ever since.

She said: "Axminster Gymnastics Club is affiliated to British Gymnastics plus South West Gymnastics and is the only women's artistic gymnastics club in East Devon, meaning girls train and compete on the beam, bars, floor and vault."

"There are also opportunities for boys in the discipline of tumbling and with vault, trampoline and floor work."

"The club operates out of Axminster Leisure Centre, with the dream of having its own premises one day."

Classes run four days a week - Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays - and cater for ages from 18 months - 18 years.

Emma added: "Equipment is expensive but the club is gradually building on its facilities

and will be looking at funding options in the future as it becomes more established."

"A new office space has just been sourced and will help the club to improve the efficiency of its administration and provide a base to work and grow from."

More than 70 members entered the first club competition in November.

"There were three levels of competition and gymnasts competed on a variety of apparatus including the floor, beam, bars, vault and trampoline," said Emma.

"Both boys and girls took part in the competition, with the youngest competitor aged just four-years-old."

"All competitors received a medal of participation and first, second and third places were awarded at each level."

"Judges came from near and far and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children and adults."

"A great success and an event that will become part of the club's annual calendar."

If you have any questions or would like information on joining or working at the club, contact Emma Prior on 01297 599461 or email info@axminstergymnastics.co.uk.

Axminster Gymnastics Club is also on Facebook.

Long service award for Axminster policeman

AXMINSTER-based cop PC Simon Aldred has been presented with a long service award by Devon and Cornwall Police after 20 years with the force.

PC Aldred joined the constabulary on September 21st in 1997, having moved to Cornwall in 1994 from Hertfordshire.

His first posting was to Bodmin, North Cornwall, as a response officer.

He followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, who received the long service medal as a Special Constable, serving at Wadebridge in the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

After three years in mid-Devon PC Aldred moved to response in Honiton, followed by seven years in Honiton CID as an investigator.

He enjoyed his time within CID being involved in various operations, particularly Operation Sagoro - a countywide rogue tarmac operation involving vulnerable victims.

His long service award citation said: "Simon received a commendation for the quality of his victim statements; the offenders pleaded guilty and £750,000 worth of assets were recovered."

"Simon was the officer in case for Operation Newmarket, the investigation into cross border rural crime."

"Simon featured on breakfast television after reporters spent an evening on patrol with him during one of the late night rural operations."

"In 2015 Simon got his second Commendation for his involvement in Operation Churchill, which resulted in a successful crown court trial."

"This was a difficult nine-week trial where Simon was the Deputy Officer In Charge in court, presenting the CCTV evidence which was later featured on the BBC 'Caught Red-Handed' programme."

PC Aldred has been based in Axminster for a number of years and is "well regarded locally by all for his partnership working and problem solving approach".



■ DEPUTY Lieutenant for Devon Philip Tuckett, PC Simon Aldred and Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer

The citation said: "Simon is well respected by his colleagues and peers in this force, Avon and Somerset and Dorset."

"He is a highly motivated officer and particularly enjoys intelligence gathering and disrupting cross-border organised crime groups."

"Simon recently identified a county lines organised crime group within his area, resulting in Avon & Somerset Police locating, arresting and imprisoning two males from London."

"He has also raised £8,000 to start a RISE Hub in Axminster to support those suffering from addiction."



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Aussie tour guide reconnects with former

AN AUSTRALIAN tour guide's appeal to get back in touch with two Axminster women he travelled with 38 years ago was a success – and they hope to reunite in Sydney.

Readers may recall a recent appeal in *Pulman's View* from a man in Australia looking to reunite with two women he travelled with from Sydney to Nepal on a double-decker bus in 1980.

The only details he had were from 38 years ago, with Dawn Evans then resident of George Lane, Kilmington, and Julie Egerton living in Beavon Lane, Axminster.

Neither of them live in the area these days, and they are now named Julie Bealey and Dawn Massie-Blomfield, and live in Brighton and Portlock respectively.

Dawn and Julie have a sing-song with some of their fellow passengers on the bus



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But the appeal in *Pulman's View* was a success and Trevor Carroll has been in touch with both by e-mail.

Julie said: "A schoolfriend phoned me after her mother had seen it in the paper."

Mr Carroll, from Terrigal, New South Wales, wanted to get in touch with them because he has written a book, *Crossing Continents with Top Deck*, about their adventure.

He was the driver and guide, and had managed to stay in touch with everybody else apart from the two Devon girls.

Julie and Dawn found themselves stood outside St Leonard's railway station in Sydney, Australia, on the

morning of March 6th, 1980.

They were in the company of 28 others coming from all corners of the globe – Australians, New Zealanders, Dutch, Austrians, Swiss, Norwegians and Irish.

The motley crew was waiting for two buses; not just any old buses but two especially converted double-deckers for the first leg of a journey that would be completed at Victoria station, London.

The trip through 21 countries, three continents and over 34,000 kilometres would take 24 weeks.

Julie and Dawn had 'only' booked as far as Kathmandu, Nepal, from where they returned to the UK.

They had arrived in Australia the year before, travelling around and working.

Dawn's father was born in Australia, and the family had moved there from England in 1971. But Dawn returned to the UK and was sharing a flat with Julie in London.

Dawn was already planning her trip when Julie said: "I want to come with you."

On that March morning in 1980, the two buses arrived half an hour late and left the girls looking in disbelief.

The 1947 Sydney double-deckers had, at first glance, seen many better days, although now configured as caravans equipped with a kitchen and bunks for 20 punters.

Their driver/guide was the then 26-year-old Mr Carroll, an employee of Topdeck Travel who had just arrived on a similar journey, but from London to Sydney.

He had worked through the night attempting to get his bus running, and recalled: "Against all odds the

bus made it across Australia to Perth, giving its international cargo a slow look at the Australian landscape and cities.

"The next leg from Perth was by air to Bali, Indonesia, where the group



In period costume at Ballarat, Victoria: tour guide Trevor, Hilde and Terry (standing) with Julie and Dawn (seated)



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passengers after his Pulman's View appeal

grew at each stop with additional passengers having booked certain starting points."

Travel from Bali to Kathmandu was by local transport and by the time they reached Burma their numbers had grown to 36.

In Kathmandu the group was joined by a further 26 passengers, five crew and three English Bristol Lodekka double-decker buses also configured to transport, feed and house 20 passengers and two crew.

Mr Carroll said: "Unfortunately, the Axminster girls had only booked as far as Kathmandu, having decided to complete the rest of the journey on their own."

But he is likely to meet them again, hoping to stage a reunion in Sydney in 2020 – which is why he contacted *Pulman's View*.

Both Julie and Dawn hope to attend the reunion, and were delighted when they heard about Mr Carroll's appeal.

Julie said: "We went out to Australia to work and travel, and wanted to go overland back to the UK."

"We decided that Topdeck sound-

ed great, and the viewing platform at the front upstairs was a bonus.

"But there was no toilet, so we had toilet stops, which could be a little difficult in the desert. I wouldn't travel on a bus like that anymore."

"It was a wonderful, wonderful trip – freedom and bliss. We were in our mid-20s. I had my 25th birthday in India."

But communications weren't as sophisticated as today, and Julie recalled: "I was waiting eight hours for a booked call home from Delhi."

Dawn remembers the adventure fondly but also mentioned communications, saying: "I kept in touch with a few of them for a few years, but there was no internet or such then."

"The trip was life-changing for me as it really broadened my outlook."

"It gave me an appreciation that life could be very different for people of different races and religions across the world and I hadn't thought very much about that before."

"I can remember particularly staying in a guest house in Indonesia and

being wakened at sunrise by the call to prayer from the mosque right next to where we were staying. I had no idea what it was at the time."

After the girls had said goodbye in Kathmandu, the bus tour progressed to London avoiding the conflict in Afghanistan but stumbling with a crash in Pakistan – a few break-

downs – through Iran and the turmoil of the US embassy hostage crisis in the capital Tehran.

Just a week overdue, all of the passengers arrived intact at London's Victoria station.

Mr Carroll fell for one of the passengers, Hilde from the Netherlands, which, in his own words, meant the

end of his gypsy lifestyle.

Many of the travellers maintained contact over the years and contributed photos and stories for Mr Carroll's book – available as an eBook on Amazon and in print from The Book Depository.

Topdeck Travel is still operating out of London.



The Bristol Lodekka bus coming off the ferry at Thassos, Greece near the end of the huge trip

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SEATON Primary School has been chosen as the local branch of The Co-operative's nominated charity for the next 12 months.

To say thank you, the school choir went to the Harepath Road store and sang some carols (pictured bottom left).

Year 2 teacher Lizzie Fontes said: "There was a lovely audience of parents and passers-by, who all joined in with the festive spirit."

"The store kindly provided refreshments for the children and watching crowd."

"The Co-op also organised a Christmas colouring competition that the whole school took part in. They provided excellent festive prizes for first, second and third spots in three different age categories."

The winners were as follows: 1st Edie Noble-Dowling, Chenoa Veal and Claudia Kinnard, 2nd Callum Winterbottom, Kenza Mangaang and Billy Grigg, 3rd Isobel Dymond, Chloe Coleman and Arthur Oldfield (pictured top left).

Many of the entries can be seen in the Co-op store in Harepath Road.



Sonata written for local group played at concert

SeatonMusic did not know quite what to expect in their third concert of the season.

The name of Richard Rodney Bennett may be best known for his work on films such as 'Four Weddings and Funeral' or 'Murder on the Orient Express'.

In 1993 he was a patron of Seaton & District Music Club, as it then was called, and the club commissioned a piece of work from him.

The resulting sonata for bassoon and piano was premiered then by distinguished bassoonist Laurence Perkins and pianist Michael Hancock, and performed again last week by Jarek Augustyniak and Sophia Rahman.

Jarek is principal bassoon of the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and pianist Sophia has made many recordings with that orchestra, and has also visited Seaton twice before. They were joined in this concert by John Anderson, principal oboe of the English Chamber Orchestra.

Bennett's sonata opened the concert, a work described as "challenging, satisfying and musically substantial".

It was a striking performance in which Jarek demonstrated the full dynamic and expressive range of the bassoon, an instrument which is perhaps less familiar to listeners as a solo instrument than many others.

Sophia Rahman's accompaniment was equally subtle and led to interesting conversations between

the two instruments.

Two works by French composer Francis Poulenc filled the centre of the evening. His early trio for piano, oboe and bassoon and his last work, the sonata for oboe and piano. In the trio, Poulenc's love of jazzy rhythms and of clear melodic phrases, and his playful sense of humour were evident.

All three musicians could show off their virtuosic skills. The oboe sonata was more sombre in tone, and John Anderson brought out the range of the oboe in sustained plaintive sections, hints of religious chant, and contrasting high-spirited passages.

The concert concluded by going back in time to Mozart. His 'Kegelstatt' trio K.498 (lit. 'bowling alley' trio), more familiar to listeners in the original scoring for clarinet, viola and piano, has been arranged for oboe, bassoon and piano.

The quality of the ensemble playing of this dynamic trio made this a most enjoyable arrangement.

In the New Year, the next concert in the series is on Thursday January 25th at 7.30pm in the Gateway, Seaton. It sees the welcome return of the renowned Schubert Ensemble, who are including Seaton in their last ever concert tour.

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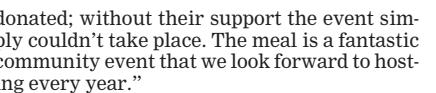
College serves up Christmas dinner for senior citizens

BEFORE Christmas, Honiton Community College hosted more than 70 senior citizens for its fifth annual festive lunch.

Sixth form students, prefects and the Creative Education Trust all took part in helping at the event.

In addition, students from the music department kept the guests entertained while they enjoyed the traditional Christmas lunch, which was prepared by the school's kitchen staff.

A spokesperson for the school said: "We are also very grateful to those local businesses who



Those who contributed to the event included Griffin Accountancy, Beviss and Beckingsale Solicitors, Honiton Chamber of Commerce, Combe Estate, Complete Meats, Honiton Tae Kwon Do, Innovate Catering Services, Spec Savers, Honiton Lions, Tesco Honiton, Alan Rowe Barbers, Blue and Gold Committee, Quality Training, Just Cards and Wine World.



■ SENIOR citizens enjoyed the meal thanks to the school and several local organisations and businesses



■ **FESTIVE FAYRE:** Members of the college staff and the Honiton Lions served the food and drinks. Below, the college's kitchen satff dished out the Christmas dinners



Lions make donation in memory of late member



HONITON Lions have made a donation to the British Heart Foundation in memory of a former member who recently died.

Stanley Dare joined the Lions in 1983 and gave 34 years of service to the organisation.

His interest was always the Lion's welfare committee, which he later was made chairman, and used his local knowledge to help others. He was also heavily involved in fundraising.

in the town.

Stan also helped out occasionally over Christmas, donning Father Christmas' famous red clothes and a bushy beard to give presents.

Lions chairman John Ward is pictured above giving £1,000 to Stanley's family, including his son, who works for the British Heart Foundation.

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What a challenge! - Carol's Story

IT STARTED with a normal visit to the surgery nurse for blood tests following a period of serious illness and end up with an offer of support for me to be referred to slimming world for a 12 week programme.

That chance comment, the non-judgemental approach of the nurse, started me on a life changing journey!

I attended my first session with fear about being the biggest person ever to walk through the door, I huffed and puffed up the driveway and went through the door to be confronted with men and women laughing



and apparently having fun!!! For a moment I wondered if I was at the right place!

The Consultant, Sharon welcomed me in and went through the whole plan with me on that day. I was amazed at what I could eat, in fact I could not believe one could lose weight when one is eating so much! But I have and do!

The food optimising plan itself is not a diet but a way of living and eating that retrains members to recognise nothing is out of bounds but there are choices which are healthy, enjoyable and easy to obtain and prepare, ideal for someone like me who likes an easy life in the kitchen! I couldn't believe I could still enjoy fish & chips, spaghetti Bolognese, a classic filling cooked breakfast as well as my easy favourite roasts.

The support of the group is also key to my journey, I have learnt so much from others, have tried different recipes from the ideas shared at the group session. Sharon is always on hand to encourage and seems to have the knack of sending those text messages when one needs that extra support!

The initial 12 weeks flew by and as I was reaping the benefits so soon I decided to carry on attending and following the plan which is now a way of life for me. I am so determined to carry on and even when I was going through an extremely tough time following the death of my husband, I still persevered - I am now enjoying the prospect of reaching a 10 stone loss goal at the end of January, this I hope to achieve by the date of my joining the group 2 years ago!

Did I say it has been life changing? Well for me my health has improved beyond recognition, I joined the gym and attend circuit classes and I can shop in the high street stores having gone from size 30/32 to 20/18 yes there is still a couple of dress sizes to go but what a difference to every aspect of my life!

I no longer huff and puff up the driveway, mind you Devonshire hills still present a few challenges, but when I think where I started I really want to cheer!

So it is a huge thanks to all those who started me on the journey and have support and encouraged me along the way!

Carol attends Slimming World at the Honiton Family Church every Wednesday at 9.30am. Groups are also held every Tuesday

at 3.30pm 5.30pm and 7.30pm and also on a Wednesday at 7.30pm.

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We know that the winter is a difficult time for many. Many consider us lucky to live here in the West Country; it is without doubt, a wonderful place to be when the sun shines. The great beauty, and amazing countryside, is a joy, but the long winter months, cold and continuous wind, along with heavy rain and a few wet miserable summers have made things harder for many, feelings of tiredness and lethargy with no energy, leave some with very little to feel good about.

If this is you, you may be suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). If we add this to the busy pace of modern life, we can find ourselves on the spiraling scale of stress anxiety and even depression.

Awaking in the early morning to a cold house. Perhaps you didn't sleep too well, because of worries and stress?

Looking out of the window you see yet another grey wet and windy day that makes you want to retreat back under the duvet.

SAD, is a condition that affects many people who otherwise have a normal cheery disposition and who start to feel low seemingly for no apparent reason, experiencing lethargy and depressive symptoms as the days grows shorter and darker.

These symptoms are usually temporary, and for many people, often clear up as the seasons change, however if stress continues it can become the onset of more longer lasting anxiety and low mood shift.

Our internal 'body clock' is regulated by the amount of light hitting the retina. The short, dark winter days appear to trigger a reduction of serotonin, (thought to regulate happiness, well-being, mood etc.) and increase levels of melatonin (typically only released at night to facilitate sleep).

There are many different treatments for SAD. The symptoms can include:

- Depression, anxiety and/or low mood
- Sleep problems: difficulty getting up, feeling constantly tired, needing an daytime nap
- Increased appetite: Overeating, cravings for carbohydrate rich or high fat foods
- Feeling anti-social or emotionally disconnected
- Finding it difficult to cope with daily tasks, struggling to concentrate
- Diminished libido and relationship difficulties

If you identify with any of the above, this may all sound like doom and gloom, but there is a very good solution which can yield fast sustainable results and that can help permanently overturn SAD and it is the use of Hypnotherapy.

In addition to using hypnotherapy there are also plenty of other things you should do too, to help yourself further.

I recommend hypnotherapy be used as a natural complement to self-help because through the use of the intervention of hypnosis it allows you to make permanent and positive changes

at a subconscious level which is where many of our problems lay that affect our unconscious behaviours.

What you can do to help yourself

Expose yourself to sunlight to boost serotonin. Get outdoors or use a lamp especially developed for SAD therapy.

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The golden age of jazz

THE first jazz concert of 2018 at Ilminster Arts Centre gets the new year off to a vintage start, with pianist Mike Denham returning to take the helm of another of his popular 'speakeasy' sessions on Friday, January 12th.

Joining Mike for this journey back in jazz time is Enrico Tomasso, the UK's best known jazz trumpeter. Over the last seven years En-

rico has won the National Jazz Award for trumpet four times, and was runner-up the other three, so don't just take our word for it, he is a seriously good musician!

The format of the evening is Mike's usual 'speakeasy' mix of vintage tunes, interspersed with entertaining stories and repartee. A delicious two course pre-performance supper is also offered for an additional cost of £15 – places are limited and usually sell out quickly so advance booking is recommended. To book please call the Box Office on 01460 54973.

Mike Denham is a brilliant pianist with a profound and enduring love of early jazz, whose trademark repartee is studded with amusing and informative anecdotes about the world of jazz. Mike's repertoire ranges across American jazz from the early 20th century ragtime through to 50's Rock and Roll, by way of the blues and stomps of Jelly Roll Morton and Fats Waller, and popular songs by George Gershwin and Irving Berlin.

Enrico Tomasso was exposed to jazz from birth and started playing the trumpet aged five. Through his father, the clarinettist Ernico Tomasso, Enrico met and heard great musicians such as Benny Goodman, Dizzy Gillespie, and the Basie and Ellington bands. Enrico's biggest inspiration was



■ Mike Denham

Louis Armstrong, whom he met during Louis' visits to England in the sixties. This led to a friendship until Louis' death. Enrico spent twelve years with the Pasadena Roof Orchestra, a long stint with Ray Gelato and latterly performed with Acker Bilk. Enrico can be heard on many soundtracks and albums, including Bryan Ferry's *The Jazz Age*.

Mike Denham's 23rd SpeakEasy takes place at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, January 12th at 8pm. Tickets are £14 (pre-show supper £15 at 7pm, must be booked in advance). For more details call 01460 54973 or visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk



■ Enrico Tomasso

Ferio Saxophone Quartet kick off Concerts in the West 2018 programme

AS ONE of Europe's leading saxophone quartets among a new generation of artists, the Ferio Saxophone Quartet consistently gains enthusiastic reactions from audiences and critics alike. In February 2018, Concerts in the West audiences will have the chance to witness for themselves the versatility of the saxophone through a superbly varied programme of music performed by the quartet at venues across Devon, Dorset and Somerset, including a new venue at the CICCIC in Taunton.

In 2015 Ferio made their debut at the Purcell Room, as winners of The Philharmonia/Martins Musical Ensemble Award and during the same year they were winners of the Royal Overseas League's Ensemble Competition. The quartet was also a Park Lane Group Artist and St John's Smith Square Young Artist for 2016-2017. Most recently, the group has performed at Edinburgh Fringe, Brighton, Newbury, Machynlleth and Petworth Festivals.

The Ferio Quartet enjoys performing new specially commissioned music, including works written by Laura Bowler and Simon Rowland-Jones. More recently they invited composer Guillermo Lago to write a new work for the quartet. The composition, inspired by three of William Wordsworth's poems, received its premiere performance at St John's Smith Square, London, in April 2017.

Ferio has signed with Chandos Records and their debut commercial CD Flux, released July 2017, has received great critical acclaim. Critics have praised the CD highly for the choice of repertoire and the calibre of the performances.

Catherine Maddocks, the founder and director of Concerts in the West, said: "Huw Wiggin first played for Concerts in the West in 2015, so it is with great pleasure that we welcome him back together with the other members of the Ferio Saxophone Quartet as the first in our 2018 concert series. Huw is one of the most popular saxophonists of his generation and has won numerous prizes including Commonwealth Musician of the Year. He has performed widely and is professor of saxophone at the Royal Academy of Music."

"With the Ferio Quartet, audiences will be treated to playing of the highest possible quality. Huw and his fellow musicians are tremendously expressive and the programme they will entertain us with will demonstrate the powerful breadth of their musicianship. Their

programme will be a wonderful start to Concerts in the West's 2018 season with plenty of energy and a superb range of textures."

Concerts in the West's founder and director Catherine Maddocks has an unerring eye for picking the cream of young classical music talent. The majority of the musicians who perform for Concerts in the West audiences are award-winning performers, who have scooped some of the genre's most illustrious and sought-after musical awards and prizes. Two recent cases are pianist Alexander Ullman (who performed for CiW in June 2015 and who will be returning again in October 2018 accompanied by cellist Michael Petrov) and the Maxwell String Quartet (who played concerts from 4-6 May 2017). Alexander has just won first prize at the 11th International Franz Liszt Piano Competition, receiving €20,000 and a Career Development Programme. While the Maxwell Quartet has won the Trondheim International Chamber Music Competition 2017.

The Ferio Saxophone Quartet then play at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, 16th at 8pm. Tickets are £15, available at www.themeetinghouse.org.uk or by calling 01460 54973.



■ Ferio Saxophone Quartet

A Happy New Year from all at The Beehive

*View from
the beehive
with Wendy Van Der Plank*

WOW 2017 whizzed by! Now we dive into 2018 with renewed vigour and hopefully a well-rested, wonderful team and a great variety of events for Honiton and beyond.

We've had a brilliant buzz up to Xmas with some stonking sell out gigs and everyone has worked incredibly hard, so not only was it a great pleasure to raise £1,500 for our local Admiral Nurse campaign at our Flanders & Swann show but to be awarded 'Community Centre of the Year' was the icing on the cake!

We are very excited to announce that we will be adding the National Theatre Live screenings to our cinema offering this year along with some fantastic documentaries as well as our more mainstream films, our dementia friendly nostalgic cinema and the Royal Opera House Live streaming. If you haven't yet visited our cinema please do come along, as we have oodles of fab films coming up.

Delighted to have James Wilton Dance bringing their totally awesome show 'Leviathan', amazing to have this stunning, muscular production coming here with a cast of six wondrous dancers on April 26th. We continue with our 'Comedy Avengers' shows and the lovely Tom Glover - Big shout out to Marcus Gill, Honiton's funny fishmonger! Thursday, January 25th.

Everybody is really looking forward to our February half-term Pantomime produced by our resident Honiton Community Theatre Co. 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs', loads of fun and always a firm family favourite! We have Kystsun Wolfe's fab tribute, 'Image of Cliff Richard' accompanied by his band -



■ Jethro

'Sound of the Shadows' on April 7th, another great tribute act, 'Dire Streets' will also be playing on April 13th.

Comedian Alun Cochrane is coming to the Beehive in March with his brilliant show 'Jethro' also revisits in May and we have the return of India Electric Co. on March 31st, after rave reviews from their recently released EP 'Seven Sisters'.

Fabulous Blues band 'The Producers' are playing the Beehive in March and so too are 'Echo Town' with support from the 'True Strays'. Cannot wait for these guys!

Thrilled to have Phil Beer



■ Cara Dillon

and Steve Knightley (Show of Hands) back with the launch of their new duo tour on Thursday, April 5th. Thinking of folk, the lush vocals of Sarah McQuaid is definitely one to look forward to on April 21st and REALLY excited that Cara Dillon is coming on Friday, May 18th after the release of her gorgeous album, 'Wanderer'.

Bristol Old Vic theatre school return and this year's production is 'Mill on the Floss', the quality of their shows is phenomenal and it is always a delight to see such a strong cast of young actors. If you're studying this at A' level, I would really recommend booking this.

We are also pleased to have two of the recently rebranded Honiton Festival now East Devon Music Festival concerts, during June, '4 Girls, 4 Harps' and 'Isca Light Orchestra' with Jazz trio 'Music Deco'

All in all, loads of lovely things to look forward to in 2018. Wishing you a very happy, healthy, fab event filled, New Year! Wendy & the Beehive team.

Diary Dates

TUESDAY JANUARY 2ND

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group 10am to 2pm. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3RD

COLYTON: Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café 2pm to 4 pm, St John Hall, King St, Colyton.

COLYFORD: Women's Institute, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. The talk is a history of the mounted police. More information from Elizabeth on 01297 624250.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Roman Civilisation or Enslavement in East Devon? County Archaeologist Bill Horner uses county wide evidence of roads, iron workings, forts and camps to show how East Devon was fully integrated into the Roman Empire. Axminster Historical Society 7:30 The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, EX13 5AH All Welcome.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at the Henhayes Centre - "eyes down" at 2.00pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games, cash prizes. Refreshments available, raffle.

THURSDAY JANUARY 4TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club, St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey St TA18 7HY. Dancing 8pm-10pm. £3.50 First visit free.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be meeting at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. In house Digitally Projected Image competition on the subjects of 'In the dark' and two 'Open subjects'. Anyone interested in joining the club and getting to use those unexpected Camera presents will be made most welcome if they would like to call in on the night. All other details can be found on their website www.chardcameraclub.org.uk or by ringing the membership secretary Joyce Partridge 01460 66885

SEATON: Call in for a cuppa and a chat with Age UK Devon 9.30 - 12 noon at number one (1 Harepath Road) Wheelchair access available.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes. 10.00 - 11.00am. £3.50 (members £2.50)

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit - 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

FRIDAY JANUARY 5TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dance at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

SEATON: Knit and Natter with Age UK Devon 1.30pm - 3.30pm at number one (1 Harepath Road). Wheelchair access available.

SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH

SEATON: What's that bird? 11am to 1pm, Tower hide at Seaton Wetlands. Whatever your level of experience come and learn more about the birds found at Seaton Wetlands. A free event, no booking required. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk

SEATON: Wassailing walk, 10am to 11:30am, Younghayes Community Centre, Cranbrook, EX5 7DR. Walk down to the Orchard along Oakbeare Orchard. Bring a noisy instrument with you to help us to scare away the evil spirits and ensure a good harvest for the following year.

SUNDAY JANUARY 7TH

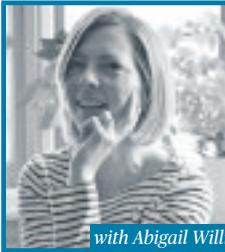
MISTERTON: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association Twin Pie Lunch and Coffee/Tea at the WI Hall, Misterton. 12pm for 12.30pm, bring your own drinks. £10 per person to include 2 strips of raffle tickets for gifts from our friends in France. Book before January 2nd by calling 01460 75025 or 72926.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ILMINSTER ARTS CENTRE IN JANUARY

THE Arts Centre gets off to an award-winning start in the Gallery with a display by the winning artists of last year's Ilminster Open Competition. Overall prize winner Leo Davey will be showing works in oil and watercolour, alongside fellow artists, Jenny Barron, Marie Blake, Andrea Clark, Jan Godfrey, Robert Hinton, Liz Kent and Philip Winstone. Featuring an eclectic mix of paintings, drawings prints and sculptures, this is a great chance to enjoy some of Somerset's finest artistic talent. Show runs 2-20 January.

Our second exhibition in January, 'A Sense of Place', brings together a fascinating line-up of artists who take their inspiration from landscapes, both rural and urban. Working in photography, textiles, sculpture and paint, these artists each have their own way of capturing the world they see around them. Armchair travel at its most beguiling. Show runs January 22nd to February 10th.

January signals the start of another year of superlative music at the Arts Centre, starting with the return of top jazz pianist Mike Denham on Friday, January 12th. A



with Abigail Willis

specialist in vintage jazz, Mike will be joined for this 'SpeakEasy' session by trumpeter Enrico Tomasso. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Three fabulous folk acts 'fly' into town on Friday 19th. Hosted by MC Jemima Farey, tonight's gig will feature singer songwriter Louise Jordan, Andrew Gilham and The Good Ol' Boys (the boys in question being Simon Durrant and Rob Mear, who perform old time folk and country music).

On Friday 26th we welcome one of the Arts Centre's most popular performers, Craig Milverton. For this evening, Craig is presenting his Oscar Peterson inspired trio, "Tricotism", featuring Craig on piano, Nigel Price on guitar and the excellent young player Sandy Suchodolski on bass. A must for modern jazz fans.

And if you like what you see at the Arts Centre, why not support us by volunteering with us? New volunteers are always welcome, and we have a variety of roles available - at concerts, in the café, craft shop and gallery, as well as admin roles in the office. Pop in for a chat if you're interested or pick up a new volunteers form from the front desk.

For details of all our events - workshops, exhibitions, concerts and fundraisers - please see our website www.themeetinghouse.org.uk or better still come and see us at the Arts Centre: our new brochure is out now. Don't forget that we offer free car parking, a well-stocked crafts shop that's ideal for gifts and cards, while our popular café is an excellent place to refuel, and serves delicious light lunches, teas, cakes and coffee.

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SEATON: Book and a Brew with FOSL (Friends of Seaton Library). 10.30-11.30am, Seaton Library Free tea/coffee, biscuits and chat. Everyone welcome.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY JANUARY 9TH

COLYFORD: Bingo - Cash Prizes. In aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Doors open 7pm - Eyes Down 7.45pm. Colyford Memorial Hall. Raffle and Refreshments. Ample free parking.

CHARD: Chard WI meeting at Chard Baptist Church Rooms, Holyrood Street TA20 2AH. 'It Shouldn't happen to a Writer' a talk by Michael Malaghan, starts 7.30. New members welcome. Call Joanne on 01460 68133 for more information. Meetings second Tuesday of every month.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group 10am to 2pm. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

CHARD: Chard Ladies' Evening Guild will begin 2018 with a light-hearted meeting when members will recount anecdotes about their first jobs - however bizarre! New members and visitors will be very welcome to join us at Manor Court School at 7.00 p.m. on January 9th.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10TH

SEATON: Yoga with a Chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Just turn up! Contact: Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for details.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at the Henhayes Centre - "eyes down" at 2.00pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games, cash prizes. Refreshments available, raffle.

THURSDAY JANUARY 11TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club, St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Abbey St TA18 7HY. Dancing 8pm-10pm. £3.50 First visit free.

OFFWELL: Honiton & District Flower Club present Elizabeth Graham (National Demonstrator), Heralds of Spring at Offwell Village Hall EX14 9SB at 2.15pm. Members £5, Visitors £10. Refreshments available.

SEAVINGTON: Seavington Gardening Club - coffee and tea will be served before our speaker 'Claire Hart' begins her talk at 7.30pm on 'How to prepare vegetables for showing'. The meeting will be held in Seavington Millennium Hall . Visitors are welcome £2 at the door. Enquiries to Karen Day 01460 929605.

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association AGM at the Chard Rugby Football Club, Essex Close. Membership of the association is not confined to former naval personnel and any person interested in joining would be made most welcome to join. For more details call secretary on 01460 77978

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Gardening Club meeting at the Henhayes Centre at 7.30pm. Speaker Mike Burks. Topic : Gardening Trends. This session looks at new trends in gardening including the latest developments and the plants that are in fashion.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes. 10.00 - 11.00am. £3.50 (members £2.50)

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■ The Zoots

Award-winner Christine Tobin to perform PELT

IN DECEMBER 2012 Christine Tobin won a BASCA British Composers Award for her spellbinding settings of poems by WB Yeats, 'Sailing to Byzantium'. The award included a PRSF commission to write new music. Tobin's latest album 'PELT' is the result of this commission. 'PELT' is Christine's settings of poems and lyrics by contemporary Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Paul Muldoon.

Although a continuation of Tobin's alchemy with fine words and music and her exploration of the chemistry between the two, 'PELT' marks a new direction and a new musical soundscape. 'PELT' is both daring and dreamlike, passionate and playful. In a four-star review the Irish Times wrote, "Pelt strikes that most elusive of balances between familiarity and strangeness, by turns recalling Tom Waits, Kate Bush and Joni Mitchell, without being beholden to any particular genre or influence... music that veers from grungy, post-industrial grooves to wispy romanticism to abstracted contemporary classical, all played with punkish attitude."

Tobin leads her virtuosic musicians across a kaleidoscopic panorama, sometimes as junkyard blues philosopher, or snappy beat seductress, sometimes as a conduit for exquisite zen-like harmonies, or reflective Americana. The result is a rich and engaging collection with Tobin's trademark originality. The seed of the idea for setting Paul Muldoon's poems came when the pair were invited to collaborate and perform a piece at the Kilkenny Arts Festival back in 2011. Christine had long admired Muldoon's work and he was greatly impressed by her settings of WB Yeats. The texts chosen for the PELT collection are a mix of his poems and lyrics.

Christine Tobin performs PELT at Bridport Arts Centre on Thursday, January 25th at 7.30pm.



■ Christine Tobin



Charlie Sings Jazz

Sultry songstress Charlie Bicknell heads to Bridport Arts Centre in January

DIVA, temptress and vocal sensation Charlie Bicknell is a force to be reckoned with. She has worked with singers such as Marie Wilson and Earl Okin, and sung at major London jazz venues including Ronnie Scotts, an accolade she shares with Philip Clouts who will be accompanying her at the piano.

Internationally she has performed at venues in Australia, Hong Kong, Copenhagen and Dubai; but nowhere as cosmopolitan as the heady heights of Bridport, England! Expect a smoking selection of jazz favourites.

Charlie Bicknell performs at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, January 19th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com



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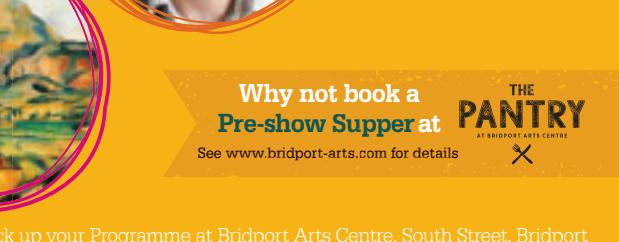
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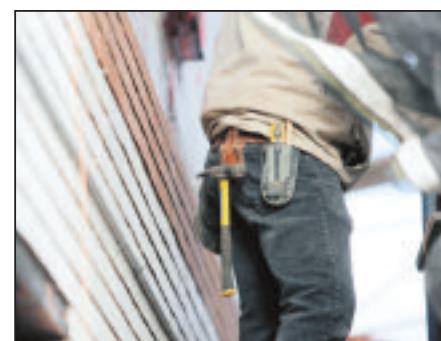
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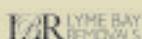
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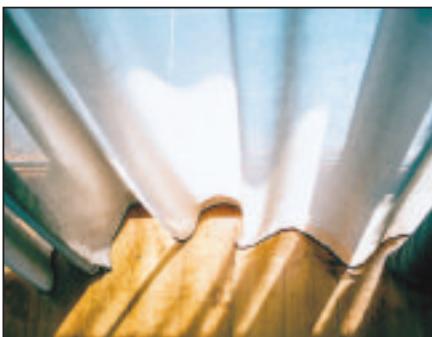
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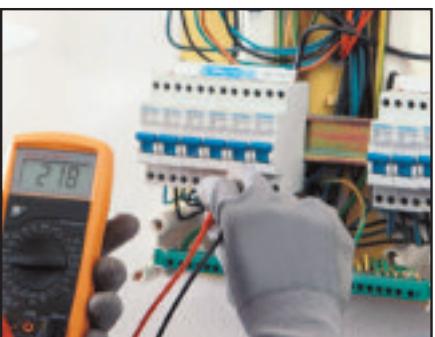
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Nissan launches online reservation system for new LEAF as pre-orders pass 10,000 across Europe

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The digital ordering system (www.nissan.co.uk/experience-nissan/start-your-order-leaf/welcome.html) lets customers place an order for a New LEAF – currently limited to 2.ZERO special versions – in just a few clicks and takes

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The all-new Nissan LEAF delivers significant updates over the previous model with dynamic new styling, advanced technologies – including ProPILOT – and a higher capacity 40kWh battery. On top of these improvements, there's a 50% increase in range to 235miles (NEDC) and a 38%

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Carl Bayliss, EV Category Manager, Nissan Motor (GB) Ltd., said: 'Since 2011, the Nissan LEAF has proved that all-electric driving can be both practical and affordable for thousands of UK motorists. Now the new 2018 Nissan LEAF is the world's most advanced mass-market electric vehicle and icon of Nissan's Intelligent Mobility vision.'

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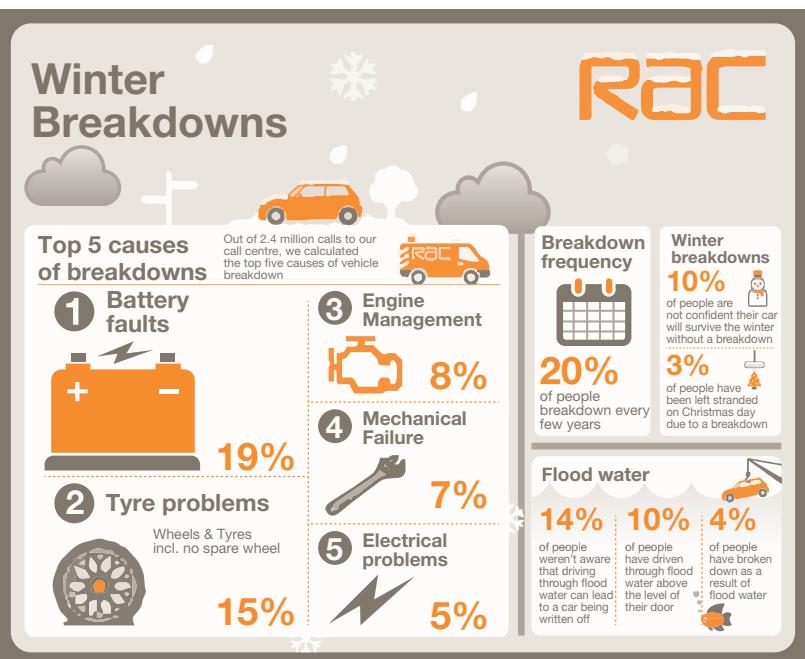
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Saturday, December 23rd
SW Peninsula League (D1E)

AXMINSTER TOWN 2 SIDMOUTH TOWN 2

THE boot was on the other foot as an 11th hour goal from Matt Cleenan denied Axminster Town all three points.

The reverse fixture back in early November saw a Tony Pinder strike deep into injury time to salvage a point for the Tigers after an all-action 3-3 tie.

This time it was goal less at half time, but 10 minutes after the turnaround Ax winger Aaron Daniels surged on to a through ball before finishing coolly for his fifth of the season.

But the visitors squared things up in the 75th minute when Rob Knight clipped the ball over Scott Wells-Burr.

However, the parity only lasted a minute as striker Jamie Barfoot continued his good form in front of goal to restore the hosts' lead.

It looked likely to be the winner until Lanaghan pillaged a point for the Vikings.

Axminster: Scott Wells-Burr, Craig Every, Charley Skilton, Shaun Wells-Burr, Mark Smale, Aaron Daniels, Jonny Hurford, Tony Pinder, Dan Beer, Sam Dibling, Jamie Barfoot. Subs: Nathan Warren, Joe Urquart, Michael Knight.

TEIGNMOUTH 6 HONITON TOWN 2

A TRIP down to the coast saw Honiton Town conceded six for the second time in three matches.

All looked good when midfielder Joe Dixon fired them in front just after the half hour but a foul by the Hippos young keeper Rowan Symonds allowed Ryan Bush to equalise from the penalty spot soon after.

And Bush struck again to send the hosts into the break with their noses in front at 2-1.

The lead was extended 10 minutes after the interval when Symonds' attempted clearance fell straight to Jack Greenslade which chipped the ball over the stranded gloveman from all of 40 yards.

Cory Couch pulled one back for Honiton 18 minutes from time to make it 3-2, but the Teigns powered home with a late triple from Jamie Moore, Ben Ashford - against his former club - and Jay James.

Honiton: Rowan Symonds, Ash

Mitchell, Chris Long, Cory Couch, Martyn Hancock, Jack Knight, Joe Dixon, Ben Ede (Capt), Lewis Couch, Blake Freemantle, Tom Perryman. Subs: Andy Isaac, Sam Steer, Kieran Conway.

Tuesday, December 26th
SW Peninsula League (D1E)

HONITON TOWN P-P AXMINSTER TOWN

Pitch waterlogged

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
Coronation Cup Final
MISTERTON P-P WINSHAM UTD
 (at Axminster Town FC)

Pitch waterlogged

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

ALPHINGTON gave themselves an early Christmas present when goals from Dan Wills and Connor Garmendia earned a 2-1 win against visiting Chagford saw them climb off the Division One basement rung.

Kentisbeare were also in buoyant mood after their 4-0 victory at Axminster Reserves in Division Two. The two clubs only got together in the week to arrange the match, so credit to both for their co-operation when so many teams were content not to have a game. Scorers for Kentisbeare were Ryan Trump, Reece Knight, Rob Buxton and Jake Searle.

Clyst Valley were another team to lift themselves off the bottom peg with a 3-0 win against Otterton in Division Three. It was only the Valley's second success of the season.

Anything their first team can do in the Premier, Elmore's Reserves are emulating, and they made it seven wins from seven after edging Black Swan Town, 3-, in Division Five.

It needed a Will Pinnick penalty to separate the pair, and that goal also saw Elmore take over third place from the Swans. Lee Woodman and Ollie Elsworth were the other Elmore scorers, with Liam Spear and Ben Smith replying for the Starcross side.

Cranbrook won the only game in Division Six beating Bampton 3-0, and were good value for the points. Joe Hayes, John Buckland and an own goal tamed the Ponies.

Newton Poppleford enjoyed a nap hand of goals at HT Dons. It was their third victory in a row as the club now

seem to be well on the way to better days.

Newton Poppleford goalscorers were James Hiscox (3), Mark Patton and Matt Rasmussen.

■ The Macron Devon & Exeter League management committee met recently with vice-chairman Roland Brown taking over as acting chairman following the resignation of Roger Spray.

Spray, who has been on the committee for the best part of 50 years, will continue as treasurer.

The League also has a new minutes secretary in Neil Anthony, who is assisting Secretary Chris Davey.

Clubs are reminded that all correspondence must now be sent to both officers.

Registrations secretar, Clive Painter reported that almost 4,000 players were now registered; an average of around 30 players per team. However, many clubs were still finding it difficult to field a regular side, something which Painter felt was hard to understand.

Referees appointments secretary Terry Atkins said that, since the November meeting, all 174 League and Cup games had been covered. The total for the season stood at 966 and only two of those matches were without referees when the appointed officials had been sick and could not be replaced in time.

RESULTS

Saturday, December 23rd

DIVISION 1

Alphington 2 Chagford 1

DIVISION 2

Axminster Town 0 Kentisbeare 4

DIVISION 3

Clyst Valley 3 Otterton 0

DIVISION 5

Elmore 3 Black Swan Town 2

DIVISION 6

Cranbrook 3 Bampton 0

DIVISION 7

HT Dons 0 Newton Poppleford 5

FIXTURES

Saturday, January 6th

Premier

Clyst Valley v Okehampton Argyle

Exmouth Town v Feniton

Exwick Village v Seaton Town

Hatherleigh Town v Beer Albion

Heavitree Utd v Newton St Cyres

Newtown v Withdever

Topsham Town v Elmore

Uppottery v Cronies

DIVISION ONE
 Bickleigh v Alphington
 Chagford v Colyton
 Lyme Regis v Wellington
 Perry Street v Lapford
 Sidmouth Town v Cullompton Rangers
 Chard Town v Heavistide Utd

DIVISION TWO

Bow AAC v Halwill

Honiton Town v East Budleigh

Newton Poppleford v Axmouth Utd

Newtown v Dawlish

Thorverton v Kentisbeare

Uplowman Ath v Axminster Town

Woodbury v Bampton

DIVISION THREE

Countess Wear v Lympstone

Pinhoe v Tedburn St Mary

Priory v Royal Oak

Sandford v Otterton

Tipton St John v Clyst Valley

Crediton Utd v Budleigh Salterton

DIVISION FOUR

Beert Albion v Winkleigh

St Martins v Starcross Generals

Teignmouth v Newton St Cyres

Whipton & Pinhoe v Alphington

Winchester v Feniton

DIVISION FIVE

Black Swan Town v Lyme Regis

Central v Awliscombe

Elmore v Halwill

Hemyock v Dunkeswell Rovers

Ilminster Town v Exwick Village

Offwell rangers v Millway Rise

Westexe Park v Culm Utd

DIVISION SIX

Bampton Res v Uppottery

Cheriton Fitzpaine v Wellington

Cranbrook v Exmouth Spartans

Seaton Town v Bravehearts

Sidmouth Town v Queens Head

DIVISION SEVEN

Bradrinach v Withdever

Colyton v Chagford

Kenn Valley v Amory Green

Kentisbeare v Spreyton

Lapford v Newton Poppleford

Willand Rovers v Exeter Utd

DIVISION EIGHT

Amory Green v Central

Culm Utd v Thorverton

East Budleigh v Cheriton Fitzpaine

Honiton Town v Sidmouth Town

Okehampton Argyle v Pinhoe

Otterton v Sandford

Tedburn St Mary v Bradninch

BILL SLEE CUP

Otterton St Mary v North Tawton

GEARY CUP

Millwey Rise v HT Dons

Perry Street League (2pm ko)

DIVISION ONE

Farway Utd v Perry Street Reserves

Hawkchurch Utd v Forton Rangers

DIVISION THREE

Crewkerne Rangers Res v Farway Utd Reserves

current tables

D&E Div 6 (20) Pld GDPts

Sidmouth 3rds	9	34	24
Queens Head	11	16	23
Bravehearts	10	15	19
Exmouth Spart	11	9	19
Cranbrook	9	16	17
Upottery Res	9	6	14
Wellington A	11	12	12
Bampton Res	9	13	10
Cheriton Fitzp	8	10	9
Silverton	12	24	7
Seaton Town Res	13	37	2*

D&E Div 7 (24) Pld GDPts

Spreyton	12	34	28
Amory Green	13	33	28
Witheridge 3rds	11	12	24
Bradninch Town	13	11	24
Lapford Res	11	2	17
Willand XI	12	2	16
Kentisbeare Res	11	15	14
Newton Popp Res	13	26	4
Chagford Res	10	1	13
Colyton Res	12	15	12
HT Dons	13	37	7
Kenn Valley Utd	14	43	7

D&E Div 8 (28) Pld GDPts

Okehampton Res	12	32	28
Sidmouth 4ths	12	12	26
Thorverton Res	10	27	25
E.Budleigh Res	14	9	20
Pinhoe Res	14	6	20
Tedburn Res	10	15	19
Hinton 3rds	9	14	19
Culm Utd Res	10	9	19
Ch. Fitz Res	12	5	19
Otterton Res	11	11	18
Central Res	16	16	18
Millwey Rise Res	10	3	9*
Sandford Res	9	24	4
Amory Green	15	50	4
Bradninch Villa	12	53	4

P Str Prem (20) Pd GDPts

Barrington	8	31	22
Merriott Rovers	7	17	21
South Petherton	8	13	19
W & M Chinnoch	9	12	17
Chard Utd	10	5	13
Winsham Utd	10	0	13
Shepton Beau	9	10	12
Misterton	7	9	12
Netherbury	9	35	6
Pymore	6	22	0
Combe Res	9	40	0

P Street D1 (18) Pd GDPts

Halstock	7	35	19
Farway Utd	8	13	17
Ilminster Colts	8	5	16
Hawkchurch Utd	7	8	13
Waytown Hounds	7	5	13
Forton Rangers	6	4	12
Uplyme	7	-7	7
Perry Street Res	9	14	7
Shepton Beau Res	8	17	4
Chard Rangers	8	17	1

Perry St D2 (20) Pd GDPts

Thorncombe	9	22	23
Charmouth	8	12	19
Forton Res	10	12	19
Dowlish & Don	10	4	16
Misterton Res	6	10	13
Crewkerne Rang	5	7	11
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Local winners at Lyme GC presentation



■ THERE was East Devon-based success at the Lyme Regis Golf Club's recent annual presentation evening. The 2018 Juniors' captain Dominic Beardwood presented (above left) Lewis Cottam with the Junior Champion (Gross) trophy and Brad Searle (centre, left) with Easter Cup. Meanwhile, outgoing club captain Mark Lewis presented Graham Barton (centre, right) with the Furley Mellor trophy and Colin Beauchamp (right) with the Coronation Cup

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